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SUBJECT: JOHNSON-SEменов PRIVATE MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 1976

(SALT TWO-1086)

1. AFTER EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES AT OUR PRIVATE MEETING TODAY, I TOLD SEMENOV THAT I FOUND GREAT INTEREST AND CONCERN IN WASHINGTON OVER THEIR POSITIONS ON MIRV VERIFICATION AND DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT. I POINTED OUT WE ALSO HAD DATA BASE AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON AGREED STATEMENT INVOLVING HEAVY MISSILE DEFINITION AND HEAVY MISSILE CAP. I SAID THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED TO BE WELL INFORMED AND VERY INTERESTED IN SALT AND HE, AS WELL AS OTHERS IN WASHINGTON, WERE HOPING THAT DELEGATIONS HERE WOULD BE ABLE TO RESOLVE, OR AT THE MINIMUM MAKE REAL PROGRESS ON THESE QUESTIONS WHICH IN ANY EVENT HAVE TO BE RESOLVED. I SAID I WAS MAKING STATEMENT ON MIRV VERIFICATION AT TOMMORROW'S PLENARY MEETING. CONCERNING "DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT," I RECOGNIZED THAT THIS INVOLVED AREAS THAT WERE SENSITIVE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND THEREFORE FOR THE TIME BEING I DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY PLENARY STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT, AND SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER BE CONFINED TO PRIVATE MEETINGS BETWEEN

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SEменов AND MYSELF. IN GENERAL I TRIED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT

WE FEEL BALL WAS IN THEIR COURT ON ALL OF THESE MATTERS.

2. WHEN IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED FOR ANY
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WHATSOEVER, I SUGGESTED THAT I WOULD
BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY OR ALL OF THE FOREGOING MATTERS
AFTER PLENARY TOMORROW AND SUGGESTED PRIVATE MEETING NEXT
TUESDAY, TO WHICH HE AGREED. HE INFORMED ME THERE WERE NO
CHANGES IN SOVIET DELEGATION, AND I INFORMED HIM OF
MR. HOWARD'S APPOINTMENT TO U.S. DELEGATION. JOHNSON

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